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Ms. Felicia Marcus
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US Environmental Protection Agency
75 Hawthorne Street
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Dear Ms. Marcus:

I am writing in response to your letter of May 11, 1998, concerning testing at sites potentially contaminated with the chemical perchlorate. The Army shares your concern about the serious environmental and health effects of perchlorate in groundwater and has included perchlorate testing at areas having a latent past use of this chemical.

We have reviewed the list of sites you provided, cross-referencing with sites found in our restoration database. Perchlorate is used at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama in a number of research and development centers, but only in very small quantities (3 milligrams - 1 pound). There has not been a release of this substance requiring a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act or Comprehensive Response, Compensation, and Liability Act action. Redstone's Work Plans were submitted to the State and Federal EPA and tests were performed for all potential chemicals of concern. Tooele Army Depot, Utah also recorded the use of perchlorate. Testing at Tooele Army Depot resulted in non-detectable levels of perchlorate.

Unfortunately, we did not receive your letter in time to send someone to the Interagency Perchlorate Steering Committee stakeholder forum in Henderson, Nevada. Thank you for bringing this important environmental and health concern to our attention.

The point of contact in this office is Mr. Rick Newsome, (703) 614-9531.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Fatz", is positioned above the printed name.

Raymond J. Fatz

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
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